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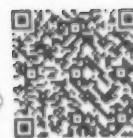
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Letter dated 21 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter dated 17 May 2018 (S/2018/473), I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué issued on 19 May 2018 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco concerning the recent violations and provocative actions carried out by the "polisario" in the Moroccan town of Tifariti, which is situated to the east of the defence mechanism in Moroccan Sahara (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Omar Hilale
Ambassador and Permanent Representative



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Communiqué by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco

Algeria and the "polisario", driven back by the latest United Nations Security Council resolution on Moroccan Sahara, and visibly embarrassed by the confirmation of ties to the terrorist group Hezbollah, have chosen to rush headlong into a further deterioration of the situation through multiple childish and irresponsible agitations.

In this context, the Kingdom of Morocco vigorously condemns the recent provocations by the "polisario" in the area of Tifariti, to the east of the defence mechanism in Moroccan Sahara.

The Kingdom of Morocco considers this a new and serious violation of the ceasefire in flagrant defiance of the authority of the United Nations Security Council.

The Kingdom of Morocco, which has officially seized the President of the Security Council and its members, the United Nations Secretary-General and MINURSO of the matter, requests them to fulfil their responsibilities and to take the necessary measures against these unacceptable actions.

At a time when the Security Council is calling for the resumption of the political process with a view to finding a realistic, practicable and enduring solution to the regional dispute over the Moroccan Sahara, these provocations by the other parties seriously undermine United Nations efforts.

Morocco regrets that this escalation has occurred with the blessing and complicity of a neighbouring country, a member of the Maghreb Arab Union, which has, however, committed a double violation of the charter of that organization by closing its borders and by harbouring in its territory an armed movement that threatens the territorial integrity of another member. This country, rather than respecting the principles of good neighbourliness and the requirements of regional stability, stubbornly encourages its mercenaries of the "polisario" in their destabilizing actions, in violation of international law.

Far from being diminished, the responsibility of Algeria and the "polisario" towards the international community has only continued to increase. Morocco officially requests the relevant United Nations entities to conduct an international inquiry to shed light on the situation in the Tindouf camps administered by the "polisario" in Algerian territory, where our fellow Moroccan citizens and brothers are being held in degrading and inhumane conditions, and where the humanitarian aid provided by the international community is diverted and sold in the host country markets for the personal enrichment of the *nomenklatura* of the "polisario".

The Kingdom of Morocco reiterates its irrefutable determination to defend its territorial integrity and national unity throughout the territory of Moroccan Sahara, and requests the United Nations and MINURSO in particular to fulfil their mandate in the face of repeated violations of the ceasefire.